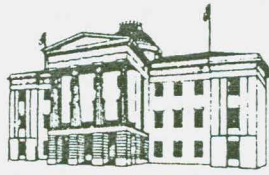


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our country's most precious resource, and as parents and caregivers it is our responsibility to keep America's children safe; and

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of children are tragically injured or killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes, and for children age three and older, it is the leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, today, all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and our territories have laws requiring the use of child safety seats and seat belts for children traveling in motor vehicles; these laws were enacted because of the tremendous safety benefits they provide; and

WHEREAS, child safety seats help save lives and reduce injuries and they are most effective when installed and used correctly; and

WHEREAS, nearly three out of four child safety seats are not used properly; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is committed to working closely with our partners and safety advocates to help reduce the number of young lives lost on our roadways; our goal is to educate parents and caregivers on how to properly install and use child safety seats; and

WHEREAS, there are 36 Safe Kids Coalitions working in 58 North Carolina counties and more than 80 permanent child passenger safety inspection stations in North Carolina to reach out to more than 6 million parents and caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 19 - 25, 2010, as "**CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**" and September 25, 2010, as "**Seat Check Saturday**", and I call upon citizens to help reduce injuries and the tragic loss of life by properly using seatbelts or car seats for children and adults whenever traveling in a motor vehicle.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.